



# South Bend Legion Post No. 50 Meets Tonight, FREE FEED and Big Entertainment at the Chamber of Commerce.



## K. C. PROGRAM IS BEST LEGION BET; MANY PLAN TO GO

### Half Million Expected at Third Annual Meet of War Veterans.

A half million pairs of eyes will be looking up into the Missouri and Kansas skies, a half million pairs of ears will be attuned to the buzzing of swarms of altitudinous metal horns, and Kansas City on the last day of October and the first two days of November will know one of the sensations that Paris and London knew at intervals during four years of war. That sensation will be intermingled with interest and curiosity, but will not be complicated by the deeper feeling of anxiety which the allied capitals felt when the enemy was riding the skies above them.

For when the Flying Club of Kansas City conducts its aerial tournament at the time of the Legion's Third National Convention it will be primarily an exhibition of what man in a machine can do in the air, rather than an exposition of the science of deadly aerial warfare.

But on the first night of the Convention, many of the hundred thousand Legionnaires assembled will expect to see something more than the spectacle of a machine in the air. They will expect to see the spectacle of a man in a machine. They will expect to see the spectacle of a man in a machine. They will expect to see the spectacle of a man in a machine.

As spectacular and as interesting as the aerial program will be the Legion's annual parade on the afternoon of the first day. Reports practically assure 40,000 Legionnaires in the line of march. The parade will be formed in a beautiful amphitheater in Penn Valley Park, and posts and flags and banners will make the procession a highly colorful one. All Legionnaires are expected to wear their uniforms in the parade.

### Big Event Of Meet.

Heading the parade will be the wearers of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest decoration the United States awards for valor in the face of the enemy. Wisconsin and Oklahoma Indians will march in their full tribal regalia, and the famous cowboy delegation of the Montana Department, which won great applause at Cleveland last year, will give another side of frontier life. A full military company of Indians from Eufaula (Okla.) Post will attend the convention.

The Legion parade has already established itself as the principal event of the National Convention. Minneapolis and Cleveland set a precedent which all future conventions will be bound to follow—and will be glad to follow. Whatever other features are introduced, the convention, certainly as far as the residents of the convention city are concerned, will always be the parade. It is the great argument for a large attendance, for in other respects one Legion parade must be very like any other Legion parade. Company after company will march in the parade, and the parade will be the parade. It is the great argument for a large attendance, for in other respects one Legion parade must be very like any other Legion parade.

Another convention event will be the three-day rodeo, the frontier show and round-up, and the Greer Metzger Post, which includes employees of the Kansas City stockyards. The program will include roping contests, bulldogging, bronco-busting and other cowboy stunts. A professional milking contest will afford a contrast to the rough-and-tumble features.

Over 100 Bands. More than a hundred bands are expected to compete in a tournament for prizes totaling \$1,750. The bands will be judged as they pass in review in the convention parade the first day. Bands from Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas and Indiana were among the first to submit entries. A Scotch bagpipe band from Portland, Ore., was another early entry. All American composers have been

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#### HEADQUARTERS

invited to enter their compositions

in a contest for the selection of the

official National Convention song.

The contest will close October 5th,

and the Kansas City Musical Club

has appointed a committee to choose

the prize song. Titles of composi-

tions already submitted include:

"He's A Legion Man," "Welcome

Home, Khaki Legs and Boys in

Blue," "Hurrah, American Legion,"

"Welcome to Our City," and "Old

Legion Buddy of Mine." The com-

mittee says that Kansas City will

outshine Broadway when the incom-

ing Legionnaires catch on to the new

song. And, speaking of Broadway,

Legion Post from Denver will stage

a typical White Way musical show,

"The Jazzy Jazz Revue." A drum

corps of one hundred pieces will

come with the Denver troupe.

Fifty of Kansas City's most beau-

tiful girls have been selected as

traffic guides to assist delegates and

visitors to find the proper registra-

tion booths. Each Legionnaire is

expected to register upon arrival.

Names of all will be filed and cross-

indexed to show addresses and or-

ganizations in which the registrants

served. Complete lists will be kept

on file at outlying information

booths. By this method any Legion-

naire may learn the names of all the

men of his old outfit or his home

state who are attending the conven-

tion.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

A letter to National Headquarters

from the Women's auxiliary at Hilo,

Hawaii, is worth quoting: "Organ-

ized March 20, membership 55, sew-

ing for welfare bureau, shipping a

school kitchen for serving luncheon

to under-nourished children, have

contributed largely to the hospital

relief fund, 4th of July committee

and the Poland destitute. From

dance and a big lulu (a Hawaiian

feast) we have now on hand \$500,

which we intend to use for legis-

lative and welfare purposes." The

auxiliary is sending a delegate to

the auxiliary's first national conven-

tion in Kansas City.

The auxiliary conventions of the

northwest left no doubt as to their

attitude toward the big problem of

ex-service men today. Women of

the Department of Oregon were em-

phatic in their opposition to em-

ployment of foreign-born labor to

the exclusion of former soldiers and

sailors. Women of the Department

of Washington took a similar atti-

tude and both conventions went on

record in favor of active relief and

welfare work for families of ex-

service men.

The women's auxiliary is widely

known in Bridgeport, Conn., partly

because of its cooperation with mu-

nicipal relief activities. Every day

## Dudds, Whizzbangs and H. E. On the Big Frolic Tonight

Tonight's the night. Seven o'clock the hour. Headquarters, at the Chamber of Commerce's place! Members of the Women's auxiliary have everything set. Otis Romine has done his part. Harold Metzler will be in the kitchen, sampling. Harney Klockow will assist Jo Cunningham on the reception committee.

Elmer Rex front and center! Post's compliments to Col. Fryermuth, and will the buddy please present Father McGinn. (Never mind the story of the horseback ride.)

Guard Commander Morse—10 paces forward! Pieces at attention! Common chicken dinner!

Twenty guests from Healthwin, now members of the post, with "Doc" Darden at their head, accompanied by Medico Bartlett, will be there. In fact, everyone will be there.

George Ford, ex-m.p., and Art Hunter, assistant treasurer, will be on hand. They'll have the little receipt books and a big bag for the unpaid dues.

No fund for the banquet and the house. They're free—from the proceeds of the spring frolic, plus interest from George Ford's bank.

Jake Engle won't be able to get back, and Harry is sort of busy at the of stand on S. Michigan blvd., but cigars and cigarettes and pipes from there will remind one of Jake and Harry and "Pop," who's one of the most interested of South Bend's citizen boosters of the post.

Charles B. Sax, peerless friend of the doughboy and gob, has said he'll come—but he doesn't want to eat with us. He'll eat. Doc Gardner has a real topic for discussion, and he'll deliver a real talk.

representatives of the auxiliary have been present at the Bridgeport city hall, giving relief to the needy with food, clothing and money. In response to an appeal by the auxiliary other organizations aided greatly in this and similar work. High school pupils of Bridgeport, for instance, sent a truckload of groceries. Bridgeport's industrial situation of late has not been of the best, so the city has distributed work as best it can to assist ex-service men, allowing them 50 jobs a week. Some of the applicants have numbered 400, so the women of the auxiliary have taken a record of the disappointed ones, offering assistance to the most needy.

The women of Lebanon, Ind., not only were anxious to organize a unit of the Women's Auxiliary, but they wanted to waste no time in doing so. They obtained a set of triplicate applications for temporary charter banks and secured the needed signatures for charter membership. Then the temporary president took the applications to department headquarters and waited for the signature of the department president and secretary. When that was done, she took the application to National Headquarters, obtained the signature of the national commander and the national adjutant, waited while the charter was prepared, and carried it off an hour later.

Cooperation with other public-spirited organizations has been one reason for the success of the Women's Auxiliary of Austin, Texas. The Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls have had assistance from the unit as well as from the Legion. Whenever a Legionnaire is unable through sickness to attend meetings "members of the Auxiliary call on him and try to take the Auxiliary spirit with them," writes the unit's president.

The Women's Auxiliary of Jackson, Mich., has a serving committee of 20 members. They drill consistently and have a record of serving a crowded banquet in 20 minutes.

The Auxiliary of George M. Nelms Post of Centralia, Ill., raised \$250

George Cooper will referee some of the bouts.

Ed Beck and Spike Kelley and Ruhl Foster are fixing things for the ring and feed.

Doc Barth and Steve Nebar, clever exponents of Corbettism will do four rounds at 165 pounds, ring side.

Jakie Razinaek and Young Machaels will gallop at 124.

Cohen's orchestra will do the honors on the piano, etc.

Art MacDonald will have to say something.

Gus Berkson says he'll be there—proud of Gus who made shells for the A. E. F. and who has been helping the Legion make money ever since 11-11-18.

Frank Green of the C. of C., is risking a divorce to attend.

Leo Berner and Bob Snyder will eat and run. Leo's too busy placing bets in jobs to stay in one place for any length of time.

There will be a little business. But darn little.

Stu Elbel's lost the minutes of the last meeting, and executive meetings held at 12 o'clock are a bit early for him. Stu's missing a wedding to attend. That's what one gets for being a social lion—some kind of lion anyway.

This is the post's big night. To the s. o. i. it means a square meal, anyway, declared some of the job hunters. They'll be there, and an urge is sent out to those who know of employment to give 'em a tip to-night.

Mobile at 6:30. Soupie will sound at 7.

If you haven't mailed your card, PHONE BEFORE NOON.

for 12 disabled men in a local hospital by a block dance.

The Kansas City (Kans.) unit asked supplies for the Public Health Service hospital. One hundred and forty pajama suits and a barrel and six boxes packed with jelly and jam were received.

Interest in the membership campaign of the Women's Auxiliary in Pratt, Kans., was stimulated by a contest of the wives and sisters against the mothers. The mothers were defeated. The captain of the winning team alone secured 28 new members.

The Auxiliary of the Department of Montana wants to give the patients in the government hospital at Helena a fine library. Each unit and each post of the Legion will be canvassed for books and magazines.

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## PRO & CON

### Press Comment on the American Legion

Fuller and deeper study in schools of American government and American history will form a part of the program of the American Legion.

The Legion leaders know that there is probably more study of national history and civics in the schools today than there ever has been before.

But to urge more and more is to insure heartfelt Americanism, more to gain by calling names. The formation of our institutions against alien propaganda, either radical or autocratic.—Detroit (Mich.) Journal.

Our Socialist neighbors find delight in stirring the members of the American Legion, collectively or otherwise. Of course, this attitude is undoubtedly prompted by the rather strenuous exception taken to various radical activities on a few occasions by some men in the veterans' organization. But the thing to be wondered at is what the Socialists hope to gain by calling names. These Legionnaires stand high in the regard of a great majority of the people. They are men who have been tried and not found wanting. They accepted the letter of the law to meet a great emergency, whether they thought that law was good or otherwise. Finally, they are the sons and brothers of the masses of the people whose opinions count. Aspersions cast upon these Legion men are bound to arouse resentment and may provoke trouble.—Hoboken (N. J.) Observer.

At a recent labor picnic in Kansas City, Kansas, an American Legion speaker was the invited guest of the unions, and made an address explaining the aims and purposes of the service men's organization. It would be well if this example might be followed elsewhere throughout the country, wherever an estrangement of feeling has been brought about in any way between the two organizations. They ought to understand each other; the controlling

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element in each ought to realize the genuine community of interest that exists between them.—Little Rock (Ark.) Democrat.

The American Legion's order to all Legion posts to take steps to list and designate the location of the burial place of every man and woman who served the United States in the armed forces during the war will meet with general approval. The time is fitting—and the Legion seems to have recognized it—when the graves in this country should be carefully sought out and cared for.—Indianapolis (Ind.) News.

A finer body of men could not be gathered together than those now enrolled in the American Legion. The time will come when this fact is more generally recognized than now.—Beaver (Pa.) Times.

The service men have not had justice. They were not given the right to fight for it. They can't fight for it until they organize. The American Legion is, in our judgment, not perfect, but it has as much a lead among service men's organizations as the Nonpartisan League among farmers' political organizations and the U. S. Grain Growers among farmers' economic organizations. It is every service man's duty, both to his country and to his jobless buddies, to get into the Legion and make that an effective instrument to end the intolerable wrong that exists today among the jobless men who offered their lives for democracy in France.—The Courier-News, Fargo, N. D., an official newspaper of the Nonpartisan League.

World War veterans in Great Britain have begun the formation of a fraternity on the lines of the American Legion. America has its Legion, now returned to civilian life, but still maintaining the vigilance and aggressiveness of the field, honoring the flag and doing honor to the country. Britain needs its Legion, and the world needs the Legion International—to maintain in peace the principles defended in war.—Detroit (Mich.) Journal.

As long as the American Legion stands on the high platform that its departed and entering commanders occupy, and we take it that the Legion will be found up there forever—this nation will be found at the old stand, with a stiff upper lip, its head up and its sombrero pushed well back from its forehead.—Greenville (S. C.) News.

We believe the American Legion is

destined to keep alive the splendid traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic and to inculcate grand lessons of patriotism.—Burlington (Vt.) Free Press.

When an American clergyman said from his pulpit, with the echo of a prayer in his voice, "Thank God for the American Legion!" he spoke as with one voice for his countrymen. The acclaim of the newspapers and the people, when a World War hero was arrested and jailed as a slacker at Scranton, after members of the Legion went in a body to the jail, demanded his release and got it, settled the matter.—Easton (Pa.) Press.

We hope a permanent liaison has been established between the American Legion and the National Educational Association, the representative organization of teachers in our country. The Legion is much more than a league for the defense of the interests of its members. It is a league for the defense of the nation, not only in war but in peace.—Chicago (Ill.) Tribune.

Marshall county officials, determined that the four Culiver bandits shall not escape punishment, in case the supreme court reverses the decision of the Kosciusko circuit court, which sentenced them to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary for the killing of Russell Saine, have taken steps to bring the men back to Plymouth, where they will be arraigned on the charge of highway robbery and assault with intent to kill. No definite date has been set but an effort will be made to have them brought back this week.

Glen Charles Siddall of Plymouth, and Miss Frieda Helgway of near here, were married Saturday afternoon at the home of Rev. J. F. Appleman. They will live in Plymouth.

A Kiwanis club was organized Monday evening with 31 charter members. The members met at the Star cafe for supper. A. J. Anderson of Chicago, editor of the Kiwanis magazine, was speaker.

The Loyal Builders class of the Christian church Sunday school will hold their regular monthly meeting Friday with a pot-luck supper at the home of Mrs. W. E. Whited.

Judge Carr committed Claude Harris to the state penal farm for 90 days for contempt of court.

Well! Now for the Second Fall Frolic, Oliver Hotel, Saturday evening, Oct. 1. \$2.00 subscription.

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